

### REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the above-captioned application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following five claim groups:

Group I: claims 1-20, drawn to an implant, classified in class 434, subclass 422, for example;

Group II: claim 21, drawn to a polymeric material, classified in class 424, subclass 400, for example;

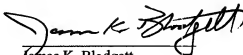
Group III: claims 22-24, drawn to a surface, classified in class 424, subclass 484, for example;

Group IV: claims 25-29, drawn to a process for making a surface, classified in class 424, subclass 600, for example; and

Group V: claims 30-32, drawn to a method for treating a patient, classified in class 514, subclass 23, for example.

In light of the Examiner's restriction, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, encompassing claims 1-20, for prosecution in the above-captioned application. Applicants have corrected minor typographical errors within claims 26-28. The elected claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage of the above-captioned application to issuance is requested.

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